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10th MARCH, 1804.

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Read the first and second time, and committed to a committee of the whole House, on Monday next.

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*For imposing more specific duties on the importation of certain articles ; and also, for levying and collecting light-money on foreign ships or vessels.*

1     **Be it enacted**, by the Senate and House of Representatives  
2     of the United States of America, in Congress assembled, That  
3     from and after the thirtieth day of June next, the following arti-  
4     cles, in addition to those already exempted from duty, shall, and  
5     may be imported free from any duty, namely, rags of linen ; cotton,  
6     woollen, and hempen cloth ; bristles of swine, regulus of antimony,  
7     unwrought clay, unwrought burr stones, and the bark of the cork  
8     tree.

1     SECT. 2. *And be it further enacted*, That from and after the  
2     thirtieth day of June next, the duties now in force upon the articles

3 herein after enumerated and described, at their importation into  
 4 the United States, shall cease, and that in lieu thereof, there  
 5 shall be thenceforth laid, levied, and collected, upon the said arti-  
 6 cles, at their said importation, the several and respective rates or  
 7 duties following, that is to say :

8 On brushes, and plated ware, twenty per cent. on the value  
 9 thereof :

10 On printed or stained calicoes, and other printed, stained, or  
 11 colored manufactures of cotton, fifteen per cent. on the value  
 12 thereof :

13 On foreign dried fish, one dollar per quintal : and

14 On foreign pickled fish, one dollar per barrel :

15 On cables, tarred cordage, white lead, red lead, almonds, cur-  
 16 rants, prunes and plums, figs, raisins imported in jars and boxes,  
 17 and muscadel raisins, two cents per pound :

18 On all other kinds of raisins, one cent and a half per pound :

19 On tallow, yellow ochre in oil, anchors, and sheet iron, one  
 20 cent and a half per pound.

21 On Spanish brown, dry yellow ochre, slit and hoop iron, one  
 22 cent per pound :

23 On starch, salt petre, and gun-powder, three cents per pound :

24 On hair powder, glue, and seines, four cents per pound :

25 On pewter plates and dishes, two cents per pound :

26 On untarred cordage, two cents and a half per pound :

27 On quicksilver, ten cents per pound :

- 28 On Chinese cassia, six cents per pound:
- 29 On cinnamon and cloves, twenty cents per pound:
- 30 On mace, one dollar and twenty-five cents per pound:
- 31 On nutmegs, fifty cents per pound:
- 32 On black glass quart bottles, sixty cents per groce:
- 33 On segars, two dollars per thousand:
- 34 On kid and Morocco shoes, twenty-five cents a pair: and
- 35 On Sicily wine, thirty cents per gallon.

1     SECT. 3. *And be it further enacted,* That an addition of ten per  
 2 centum shall be made to the several rates of duties above speci-  
 3 fied and imposed in respect to all such goods, wares, and mer-  
 4 chandise as aforesaid, as shall, after the said thirtieth day of June,  
 5 be imported in ships or vessels not of the United States.

1     SECT. 4 *And be it further enacted,* That the duties laid by this  
 2 act, shall be levied and collected, in the same manner, and under  
 3 the same regulations and allowances as to drawbacks, mode of  
 4 security, and time of payment respectively, as the several duties  
 5 now in force on the respective articles herein before enumerated:  
 6 *Provided however,* That no drawbacks shall be allowed on the  
 7 exportation of foreign fish, or fish oil, or of playing cards.

1     SECT. 5. *And be it further enacted,* That all duties and draw-  
 2 backs, which, by virtue of this act, shall be payable and allow-  
 3 able on any specific quantity of goods, wares and merchandise,  
 4 shall be deemed to apply, in proportion, to any quantity greater  
 5 or less than such specific quantity.

1     SECT. 6. *And be it further enacted*, That in addition to the ton-  
2     nage duty already imposed by law, a tonnage duty of fifty cents  
3     per ton, to be denominated "light money" shall be levied and col-  
4     lected on all ships or vessels not of the United States, which after  
5     the aforesaid thirtieth day of June next, may enter the ports of  
6     the United States: *Provided however*, That nothing in this act  
7     shall be so construed as to contravene any provision of the treaty  
8     or conventions concluded between the United States of America  
9     and the French Republic, on the thirtieth day of April, one thou-  
10    sand eight hundred and three: *And provided also*, That the said  
11    light money shall be levied and collected in the same manner and  
12    under the same regulations as the tonnage duties now imposed by  
13    law.